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NEW COURT MEETS

Plans For Innovations Considered. Auditing Offices Probable. Deferred to February.

The brand new County Court, Hon. W. N. Hamilton Presiding Judge, Wm. D. Herring Judge for Western district, J. W. Hughes Judge for the Eastern district, and Warner W. White Clerk, met Monday. Hon. R. W. McKittrick Prosecuting Attorney met with the court also.

The court is inclined to have the accounts of the various county officers for the past 8 years audited and the result of examination published for the information of the citizens. This action will likely be taken at the February term.

The principal object for the early meeting of the court was to ascertain the condition of the county's finances and learn the amount of money which would be at its command for use during 1915. From figures approximately arrived at thru the clerk and Treasurer Rucker there will be a shortage between \$25,000 and \$30,000 over other recent years, occasioned by the extraordinary expenses of the county met by the late court and the great number of bridges constructed over any other year.

The revenue and pauper funds are heavily overdrawn, but there is a balance of about \$3000 in the bridge fund, accounted for by the heavy payments for bridges out of the county revenue fund.

It has been suspected that school money was used to bolster up other depleted funds, but such is not the case, - on the contrary every dollar of the school fund has been loaned as fast as it accumulated.

The County Treasurer will make a statement for publication in the near future, showing exact condition of affairs.

That the new court will need to hold a tight grip on funds and be unable to meet little more than fixed expenses, there is no doubt.

As for building any bridges in 1915, that question is already settled in the negative, yet there are more than 100 petitions on file and double as many more bridges needed badly at once.

The new court is confident of a combine among bridge men, by reason of which the court believes that exorbitant prices have been exacted for bridges, and it will exert itself to overcome that loss to the county.

Judge L. H. Herring was successful in doing so when he was on the bench, and he believes he can do so again. Everybody but the bridge men will wish him success. There are a number of radical innovations on established practices which the prosecuting attorney and the court will consider at the February term.

The following proceedings were had:

W. W. White presents the appointment of C. H. Hayes, as Deputy County Clerk, which is approved.

Ordered that M. T. Davenport be appointed as Superintendent of County Infirmary for one year from the first day of February 1915, at the salary of \$50.00 per month.

Same as to T. T. Cruse as Janitor of Court House at \$37.50 per month.

Same as to Preston Wright as Assistant Janitor of Court House and superintendent of water works at \$25.00 per month.

Clark ordered to publish no-

Highway Engineer and that the court will receive bids for the position Feb. 3rd, 1915 as the position of Highway engineer is let to the lowest bidder.

Elks Entertain

The members of B. P. O. E. resident at Brunswick entertained at a banquet Tuesday night their fellow members from Carrollton, Kirksville, Keytesville and other points. The piece de resistance was two geese, "well stuffed with onion" to commemorate the song of Sol Smith Russell, but a monster turkey, as well as everything else as good, was served.

Toastmaster Barker made a short address followed by Hon. R. W. Rucker, E. H. Holloway, Mayor Kinkhorst and H. L. Mann. The event took place in Wallace hall and until a late hour the Elks and their guests enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Those from this city were Dr. Singleton and Wm. Hamilton with their guest Warner W. White.

Capture of Thieves

The police at Salisbury rounded up a couple of men after finding some loot in a box car and some under a pile of ties near the Wash Monday night or Tuesday morning. They found some handkerchiefs and 190 pennies in a box car and a Conn clarinet under a pile of ties near the track. They also got a man or two, one of them being a negro, whom they held for the theft which they think must have been committed somewhere. The men were suspected when they went to the rounds getting pennies changed into silver money. It is thought they must have robbed one of the automatic gum vend-machines or some similar contrivance as the large number of pennies they could hardly be accounted for otherwise.

Didn't Paddle Montgomery

Each year when newly elected officers of the county take their seat, there is usually some horseplay the first of the year, the new incumbent being "initiated." When the county court house bunch went to initiate Probate Judge Montgomery he refused to be initiated. Then the bunch got out and a few days later came back. Some of them say Montgomery objected again and that there was a knife lying handy and near which he intimated would be used for carving purposes if the bunch persisted. To date the new incumbent remains uninitiated.

Finish Christmas Holidays

There was an exodus of the boys to school and the cities to resume their regular work Sunday. They remained in town as long as possible and then left for their duties. Shannon Wayland went to Kansas to complete his winter's trip as salesman; Horace Elliott went to St. Louis to continue his work as salesman for C. F. Blanks coffee house; Paul Cropper and Noel Walther left for Columbia to attend to school duties. There were many others also who left for the sight of their labors after a pleasant visit at home.

Boycotters Lost

The case known as the "Danbury Hatters" case was decided against the hat makers union Tuesday by the supreme court of the U. S. The National Hatters Union will now be forced to pay to D. E. Lowe and Co. Hatters of Danbury, Conn. \$252,000 damages for boycotting that firm because of its refusal

YOUNG MAN SHOT

22 Rifle Ball in Foot-To Xray at Kansas City Tuesday. Tetanus Feared.

Arch Stanley, a young man about 25 years of age who lives with his step-father Walter Gaffron near Musselfork, went out Sunday morning with a wagon for shock fodder for stock. He was accompanied by a neighbor young friend, Joe Hains, who with his sister Reba Hains was the survivor of the disaster by fire which overtook their family in Kansas a few years since. Joe had a 22 calibre rifle and was walking, Stanley sitting on the wagon bed with his feet outside. In some unexplained manner, the rifle was discharged, the ball entering Stanley's right foot just below and forward of the ankle. A surgeon from this city was called and failed to locate the bullet, whereupon it was decided to do so with an Xray and accordingly the victim of the accident was taken to Kansas City Tuesday. He was accompanied by John Welch and L. A. Embree.

Some Auditing Result

State Auditor Gordon says he has turned up \$500,000 and over that belonged to the people of this state and which they did not get. This has been in the past year. He did this by auditing books of different counties. In Logan county, Illinois a few years ago, the Sims Audit Co. of Pontiac, Ill. audited the county books there and turned up between \$10,000 and \$15,000 that belonged to the county. One man was known to be short of a few hundred dollars. The rest of this sum found were fees etc, taken by officers who from time immemorial thought they were entitled thereto but they were not. The audit went back twelve years. Last year, the same audit company audited the Logan county books and declared that the best set of public books they had found since being in business. The good book-keeping was the result of the audit.

William Owen Dead

Will Owen, aged 15 years, died at the home of his parents, five miles north of town shortly after midnight Friday morning. His death was suddenly. The attending physician gave as the cause, spinal meningitis. The decedent was a fine boy and was enjoying excellent health and vitality until his last short and fatal illness. The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Owens, one brother and two sisters. The funeral was held Saturday from the church at Bethany, the services being in charge of Rev. Duval of Salisbury.

Henry Ehrhardt Dead

Henry Ehrhardt died at his home two miles north of Salisbury at 1:30 P. M. Wednesday at the age of 76 years. Mr. Ehrhardt was a son of the late Martin Ehrhardt and been a resident for years of the vicinity of Salisbury. He is a wealthy land owner and a prominent citizen. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

Is It Our "Mandy"?

The Moberly chief of police arrested one Mandy Martin this week on the charge of a white man that she had enticed him to her place near the "High Line" and fleeced him of \$30. Mandy retained an attorney to defend him in Judge Gladney's court.

Walter Owen, the millman at Brunswick was here yesterday.

Protracted Meeting Commenced.

Sunday Commenced Special Meetings at the Methodist church in this city. Rev Meyers preached the opening sermon at which invitations were extended to those who wished to lead a better life to come forward. There was one response to the invitation, a local man going forward and giving the minister his hand. There were a number of others who expressed their desire to lead a Christian life by raising their hand. Rev. Johnson, the presiding elder arrived Monday to attend the quarterly conference and also to attend the protracted meetings, as he will be in charge of the same and will preach the sermons. Rev. Meyers stated that he had for the past half year been working towards the meeting now in progress and asked the cooperation of all churches and church members. He said he would not announce that the meeting would be a "revival" one as whether or not the meeting was to be a revival, depended on the interest and the results. He now spoke of it as a protracted meeting.

A New Year's Party

The new year was ushered in by several parties of young people who remained awake to see their new resolutions properly ushered into 1915. There was not much noise such as shooting and ringing of church bells as there usually is in the city, but midnight found many of the residents yet awake. At the home of H. M. Sigloch a number of young people gathered for a surprise party for Miss Catherine Sigloch. They played games, including ruck forty-two and pitch. The refreshments were fruit and cake. The guests were: Misses Nelle White, Edyth Taylor, Polly Rucker, Helen Zillman, Missouri Ann Allega, Hazel Gordon, Bula Bennett, Thelma Dinsmore, Mary Thrash, Marietta Hancock, Edna Easter, Frances Holman; Albert Hancock, Joe Rucker, Ralston Ray, Verner Hurt, Vernon Thrash, Dick Thrash, Guy Roberts, Sim White, Marcellus Hunt, Hardin Wiley and Charles E. Chapman.

Resisted Arrest

Deputy Sheriff Gardner went to Salisbury Wednesday, January 2 and arrested one Dudley Hoersch for resisting an officer and carrying concealed weapons. The trouble arose when a constable at Forest Green tried to arrest Hoersch for some trouble he had been in and Hoersch resisted the constable. Gardner went to Salisbury and got his man. He is under bond for appearance before the circuit court at the next term on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Candidates Begin Early

James Horace Ermons of Fulton, Mo., has shied his easter into the ring for Secretary of State in 1916. He says he has been a school teacher, newspaper man and finally is serving his second term as circuit clerk for Callaway county. He says he will visit the state and see as many of the electors as possible before the time comes for the primary.

An Error

In publishing the name of the name of the principals in the Reinwald-Drinkard wedding the Courier had the name "Remwald" The reporter took the name from the Recorder's office and so far as could be told, the Courier printed it right. These errors are regrettable but some of them are hard to forestall by the reporter.

H. A. Ashley and family of Granger, Ia., and his brother Jas. W. arrived Thursday. They will likely locate here.

NEW OFFICIALS SERVE

Deputies to Newly Qualified Officers are Given Apointments.

Commencing January 1, 1915, the county offices resumed under the new regime. There was not much change of occupancy. The only case where the new man was not acquainted with his duties was that of the circuit clerk, Walter Wright. All the others have had experience in their various offices.

In the office of the county clerk, Charles Parks, former clerk, retires. The office this term will be run with the clerk and one deputy instead of two, as in former years. Charles Hayes is the deputy for Clerk Warner White. The circuit clerk is to be assisted by Mr. H. B. Richardson of the firm of Richardson and Elliott. Mr. Richardson is familiar with the duties of the circuit clerk.

Sheriff Hurt who was appointed by the county court to succeed Sheriff O'Bryan, deceased, chose George Gardner as his chief deputy. Mr. Gardner has been giving very satisfactory service heretofore as deputy. Recorder R. L. Hunt has appointed his father, M. B. Hunt as his deputy. Mr. Hunt succeeds former Recorder Wayland. Probate Judge Montgomery has not chosen a deputy.

Interested In Farming.

A gentleman writes the Courier about the articles published concerning the success of one J. P. Burns, a farmer of near Keytesville who was in the Courier office a few weeks ago talking about conditions. In the course of conversation Mr. Burns told the Courier reporter the facts as set forth. He did not tell them the expectation of their being printed, in fact, he was probably as much surprised anyone that they were printed at all. The reporter thought the story good enough to print as it seemed to outline conditions that could be met and ought to be met by other rural residents who want to get the best out of farming. The gentleman writing the Courier writes in rather sarcastic vein concerning the reference to "a book farmer" and wants to know what book Mr. Burns read for his instruction. If Mr. Burns will, the Courier would be glad to have him answer some of the question propounded by the writer to the Courier who wants to know what kind of a plow Burns uses, how deep he plowed, what kind of crops he raised, whether the butter he sold from his cow was the entire output or what was left over and above what was used by his family, etc. The writer says he has lived here always and as Mr. Burns is a new comer he wants to know of his methods. The Courier will be glad for Mr. Burns to inform the writer for the general public good.

Government Got 'Em

Even those who fear the centralization of governmental power here will note with approval the dispatch with which the government went into the Indian election frauds that the state had tolerated for many years.

Dr. Singleton, Will Hamilton and Co. Clerk White started to Brunswick Tuesday evening to attend a blow out given by the Brunswick B. P. O. E. They got there after an eventful automobile trip and enjoyed the banquet and impromptu program, from 11:30 to whatever time it closed.

A Happy Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. A. Senn, a highly respected old couple, living in Indian Grove had quite a nice Christmas as quite a few friends and children remembered them by giving or sending them presents. The donors and gifts are as follows; Mrs. Mat Littrell of Dayton, Washington, a box containing apples, sausage, jellies, preserves and canned fruit; Fred Paulsen and family of St. Joseph a box containing bananas, grapes, oranges, candy, light bread and a good collection handkerchiefs; John Williams of Brunswick, Mo. dressed chicken, sausages, candy and butter; Pearl Joseph candy and oranges; Mrs. Charlotte Huls of Stillwater, Okla. fine nightgown and handkerchiefs; Mrs. Carrie Alms of Rich Hill a fine pair of pillow cases; Mrs. J. P. May and daughter, Bessie, apron and handkerchief; Mrs. C. A. Henderson, necktie and pin; Mrs. Lizzie Maid, North Dakota handkerchief and breast pin; Mrs. Mrs. Edgar Smith, cakes and bananas; Mr. and Mrs. John Jones brought their Christmas dinner ready to eat; Geo. Joseph a 40-lb pig, oranges and candy, Miss Ruth Adams a roll of tissue paper to make flowers. They also received quite a few nice post cards and they wish to thank one and all for their kindness and remembrance of them.

Got the Jewelry

Some time ago the Sutton Comedy Co. was here and left an unpaid board bill at the Brown hotel. Manager Willett and wife compelled Sutton and wife to leave some jewelry and clothes in "hock" for the \$28 due on the bill. Mr. Willett put the jewelry in a trunk and sent the trunk C. O. D. to Osceola, Ia., where Sutton was to redeem it. The report now comes that Sutton did not take the trunk from the express office, but that he and his wife are wearing the jewels and some of the apparel that was in the trunk. Mr. Willett is investigating. He says the jewelry was certainly in the trunk and that evidently someone has tampered with the trunk since it got to Osceola. Mr. Willett says that the express company is liable for the \$28.

Later the company wired Manager Willett the \$28.

Vernon L. Smith, Industrial agent of Sand Springs Railway Co. located in Tulsa, Co. Okla. sent us a copy of last weeks Leader published at Sand Springs. The paper is a big, newsy, well printed one, and certainly booms the new town, indicating Verna's presence in the get up of the articles exploiting the town. For a 3 year old, 3 gas plants, 2 oil refineries, zinc smelter, car repair shop, army legging factory, stove and foundry plant, steel mill, general machine shop, big broom factory, water works, gas, electric light and power and car services, besides an orphan home, a high school with 13 teachers, all sorts of mercantile establishments, parks and green houses, does pretty well. We are 2000 years old and have about what we started with. Vernon Smith, the industrial agent, was a few years ago, stenographer in the real estate office of E. B. Kellogg of this city and is well known here. We need him badly.

A Private Secretary

Miss Agnes Wallace left here Friday morning for Jefferson City where she accepts the position of private secretary for her uncle, Senator Wallace of Brunswick.